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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 232799

FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 232799 ACTION LONDON RANGOON GENEVA

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QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 232799

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, CB

SUBJECT: KHMER REPRESENTATION ISSUE IN 29TH GA - BURMA

REF: STATE 192437

1. THE GUB HAS STEADFASTLY MAINTAINED, IN THE FACE OF A NUMBER OF DEMARCHES, THAT IT WILL ABSTAIN ON THE KHMER ISSUE AS WELL AS ON ANY OTHER ISSUE WHICH IS RELATED TO GREAT POWER CONFRONTATION. GIVEN CLOSENESS OF THE VOTE NOW, EVERY POTENTIAL FRIENDLY VOTE MUST BE PURSUED. AT THE VERY LEAST, WE NEED BURMA'S SUPPORT ON THE PROCEDURAL QUESTION OF GAINING PRIORITY FOR THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION.

2. IN THE LATEST EFFORT TO MAKE OUR POINT WITH THE BURMESE FONMIN DURING HIS CALL AT DEPARTMENT (SEPTTEL), WE HAVE BECOME CONVINCED THAT NE WIN IS THE KEY IF THE GUB IS TO BE MOVED AT ALL.

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3. OF ALL THE INDIVIDUALS RESPECTED BY NE WIN AND WHO MIGHT INFLUENCE HIM TO CHANGE HIS POSITION AND SUPPORT EFFORTS TO NEUTRALIZE THE HOSTILE KHMER RESOLUTION, WE BELIEVE LORD MOUNTBATTEN, FOR EXAMPLE, COULD ACCOMPLISH THIS DIFFICULT TASK. THERE MAY BE OTHERS WHO HMG BELIEVES WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE CHOICE.

4. TO THIS END, PENDING RANGOON'S VIEWS, BELIEVE THE EMBASSY SHOULD APPROACH THE FCO AND EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH PROMINENT BRITISH CONTACT WITH NE WIN, EITHER

PERSONALLY OR BY LETTER, WITH ARGUMENT THAT A PRECEDENT OF SEATING SIHANOUK IN THE UN COULD OPEN DOORS THAT MIGHT NOT BE HELPFUL TO THE GUB WITH ITS OWN INSURGENT AND EXILE PROBLEMS. BEST WAY TO AVOID THIS IS TO SUPPORT PRIORITY CONSIDERATION OF ASEAN DRAFT RESOLUTION AND, IF POSSIBLE, RESOLUTION ITSELF.

5. WE UNDERSTAND THAT NE WIN IS CURRENTLY IN GENEVA AND MAY BE PLANNING ONE OF HIS ANNUAL VISITS TO BRITAIN.

6. FOR RANGOON: WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS ON FEASIBILITY AND USEFULNESS OF MAKING SUCH AN APPROACH TO NE WIN, IF IT CAN BE ARRANGED. OTHER IDEAS ALSO WELCOMED.

7. FOR GENEVA: ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON NE WIN'S TRAVEL PLANS WOULD BE HELPFUL IN DETERMINING NEXT STEP IN THIS EFFORT.

8. DEPARTMENT INTENDS TO MAKE POINTS ABOVE TO UK EMBASSY HERE IN NEAR FUTURE. KISSINGER UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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